

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNSC, XF, LE  
SUBJECT: UN FORCE IN LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT FOR THE RECORD REFLECTING  
DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT CONCERNING  
PEACEKEEPING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF "EQUITABLE  
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION".

2. ON 5 APRIL SC SECRETARY GLEISSNER PROVIDED THE US  
PRESIDENCY WITH A NOTE FROM THE SYG CONCERNING UNIFIL  
DEVELOPMENTS FOR CIRCULATION TO OTHER SC  
MEMBERS. THE NOTE STATED THAT (A) SENEGAL IS  
PROVIDING A CONTINGENT; (B) EXISTING UN LOGISTIC  
ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ME HAVE PROVEN INADEQUATE SO  
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SYG HAS OBTAINED FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT TO  
PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT; AND (C) SYG INTENDS, "SUBJECT  
TO THE CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL", TO APPOINT GENERAL  
ERSKINE (CURRENTLY INTERIM COMMANDER) AS COMMANDER  
OF THE FORCE. UNDER-SYG SHEVCHENKO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY  
INTERVENED SEPARATELY WITH AMB LEONARD TO CRITICIZE  
THE NOTE ON THE GROUND THAT, IN FACE OF SPECIFICATION

OF SENEGAL, FRANCE AND NORWAY, THE TEXT FAILED TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE SYG'S CONTINUING INTENTION TO BASE HIS UNIFIL ACTIVITIES ON THE CONCEPT OF "EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION". WE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT SHEVCHENKO HAD SOUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE SYG AND URQUHART IN LONDON TO HAVE THE NOTE SUSPENDED PENDING A DISCUSSION OF SUCH AN INSERTION.

3. PROMPT CIRCULATION OF THE SYG'S NOTE COULD HAVE UNHELPFULLY COUNTERED AN EFFORT WE WERE MAKING TO CONVINCE KUWAIT AND THE ARABS TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT WEEK ANY CONSULTATIONS ON DELAY IN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. THE CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT OVER THE SYG'S NOTE, WHICH AS OF AM 6 APRIL RESULTED IN A SECRETARIAT REQUEST THAT THE NOTE BE SUSPENDED, HAS THUS SERVED OUR PURPOSES. THE MATTERS DEALT WITH IN THE NOTE WILL PRESUMABLY BE SET OUT IN A FUTURE SYG COMMUNICATION TOGETHER WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, AND WE WILL CIRCULATE THE NEW NOTE IN THE USUAL MANNER TO OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A SENTENCE ON EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION WILL BE ADDED TO THE NOTE. LEONARD

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